



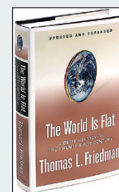
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China Fashion Week opened this Wednesday to intense media interest.

Xinhua Photo

New ban on organ transplant tourism

By Huang Daohen

China will further strengthen the regulation of organ transplants, including how access to hospital services is controlled, and will prohibit non-Chinese citizens coming to China in order to receive organ transplants under the guise of tourism, said deputy health minister Huang Jiefu at a conference held this week in Guangzhou.

The Ministry of Health, Huang said at the 'National Human Organ Transplant Clinical Application

Summit', will implement a system to control hospital access.

Organ transplants will only be performed with express approval from a provincial level hospital or the ministry.

Other new regulations will see organ donation limited to immediate family and spouses, and donors will have to be over 18 years of age. Huang also said that the people from the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, will be given priority in receiving trans-

plant surgery.

"China is the world's second largest performer of organ transplants, but the overall recovery rates lag behind international levels," said Huang during a recent meeting with Serbs Park, chair of the British Organ Transplant Association. The minister admitted that poor management of organ sources, sharing, registration and monitoring of transplant patients had seriously affected the country's international image and reputation,

and had endangered the health of patients, and said that urgent improvements were necessary.

Figures show that over 10,000 non-Chinese patients came to China for organ transplants during the past three years.

In July, the ministry issued a temporary regulation on human organ transplants, explicitly banning the sale of organs and introducing a set of medical standards for organ transplants, part of efforts to guarantee medical safety.

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'One-stop' dog adoption for city strays

By He Jianwei

Beijing residents can adopt a dog from the city pound and quarantine center via a new 'one-stop service' available each Tuesday and Friday. Registration, payment of fees, and registering with your local police station can all be completed in a single visit, say Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau.

Potential adopters can call in advance to reserve a dog. Once that reservation is confirmed, residents can go to the center armed

with a permit to keep a dog from their neighborhood committee and valid ID. The center will report the adoption to the local police station nearest the dog's new home, where the local community authorities will also oversee how it is raised, said an officer with the city's Dog Ownership Administration Office.

People wishing to provide a home for a dog must meet a number of requirements. They need verifiable legal identification papers; must fulfill the require-

ments to undertake full civil responsibility under national law; and have a fixed place of residence in a single family dwelling, that is not in one of the parts of the city where it is forbidden to keep dogs.

There are currently more than 500 stray dogs at the pound, including animals abandoned by previous owners, those confiscated or detained during the enforcement of animal control measures, and strays picked up from the streets. A member of

staff said the vast majority were abandoned by former owners.

When dogs arrive at the pound, they are photographed, given a registration number, and then are given a health check-up in the quarantine section. Healthy animals are then transferred to the adoption center.

The center is open to the public for the 'one-stop service' from 9am to 11:30am and from 2pm to 4:30pm every Tuesday and Friday. The number to call for advance reservation is 6973 8604.

Duck eggs found to contain illegal dye

By Annie Wei

China's Administration of Quality Supervision has said it will trace and ban salted duck eggs suspected of containing a substance called Sudan red dye.

Beijing authorities have banned sales of the salted duck eggs. A recent inspection found almost 27 percent of the eggs had quality problems.

Salted duck egg is a traditional food in China, commonly eaten with *mantou* (steamed buns), with the yolk a particular delicacy.

All-red yolk salted duck eggs are traditionally considered the best quality. Some brought to Beijing from neighboring Hebei Province were found to have been artificially produced by some small producers, who added a red dye, Sudan IV. The Sudan dye, widely used in painting or industrial applications, is not a permitted food additive.

Media reports showed that the processing of the all-red yolk salted duck eggs relied on adding Sudan-IV to duck feed.

Ms Wang, an official from the Beijing Administration of Industry and Commerce, said that the sale of salted duck eggs, especially those with all-red yolk from neighboring Hebei Province, has been banned temporarily.

Industry and commerce authorities in Chongwen District said they have sealed 96.5 kilograms of red yolk salted duck eggs at more than 55 shopping malls, supermarkets and open markets. Staff at the Dayanglu Agricultural Products Wholesale Market in Chaoyang District also took the eggs off its shelves.

Local authorities told residents that they could return any eggs at the place they purchased them if they have their receipt.

He Jiguo, a professor from China Agriculture University, said that residents who have eaten salted duck eggs containing Sudan IV should not panic because a small amount of the red dye would not be harmful.

First community spokeswoman meets the public



Zhang Yunying – the first community spokeswoman took up her post this Wednesday in Bajiao community, Shijingshan District. Xinhua Photo

Visiting surgeon joins charity care drive

By Gan Tian

Kaveh Alizadeh, a US cosmetic surgeon visiting Beijing, has donated his time and skills to help a disfigured girl from an impoverished family in Ningxia, with the help of the 'Love 2008' charity campaign and the Ever-care Medical Institution.

Dr Alizadeh arrived in Beijing last Wednesday, for a two-day medical conference. He learned about the girl, Li Hong, who was born with a cleft lip, and made up his mind to help. Surgery was performed last Sunday.

Dr Wang Jilun, who worked with Dr Alizadeh during the

operation, said although the procedure was not particularly complicated it presented a challenge for the anesthetist, but had been very successful.

Dr Alizadeh has helped more than 500 children born with cleft lips, in travels to various countries around the world over the years.

Li Hong's mother said, "We thanked Dr Alizadeh, who is a really nice person. It's great that more and more foreigners, with access to advanced techniques and equipment, are willing to help people like us." Her three-year old daughter is currently

recovering very well from her surgical ordeal. Dr Alizadeh said he was more than willing to help Chinese patients in need and was sure to return here in the future.

The 'Love 2008' campaign includes a series of activities encouraging public assistance for sufferers from congenital conditions who are too poor to pay for treatment. Since its launch this October, the campaign has helped a number of newborns receive free pediatric care. A number of celebrities have lent their weight to the drive, taking part in a charity concert in the Great Hall of the People last Thursday night.

UNDP report shows progress and challenges

By Qiu Jiaoning

China has risen almost 25 places in the UN's human development index (HDI) during the past three years. The country now ranks 81st of 175 nations, according to the 2006 Human Development Report, released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Beijing.

The report said that global progress on meeting the goal of halving the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe

drinking water is largely thanks to progress in China and India.

Yet challenges remain in securing a sustainable supply of clean water throughout China, where national per capita levels of water are only a third of the global average. As climate change threatens to intensify pressure on China's water supply, it will directly affect the 538 million people living in China's water-scarce north.

Northern China will face con-

tinued challenges in providing safe water for its population. The 3-H river system (a name for the region covered by the Hai, Huai and Yellow River basins) accounts for less than eight percent of national water resources, but supplies nearly half of China's population. More than 70 percent of the water in the 3-H river system is now too polluted for human use, according to the State Environmental Protection Administration.

Spot-checks find substandard clothes

By Huang Daohen

A recent spot test found 28 clothing brands on sale at the city malls and supermarkets that failed to meet safety standards, including two that contained a cancer-causing dye, the Beijing Commerce and Industry Bureau (BCIB) announced Wednesday.

BCIB had formed joint task forces with the Beijing Fabric Testing Center to conduct the spot checks, which this time chose to look at clothes for adults. The inspections and tests also found 13 items not labeled to legal standards, including some with no labels at all, and also items that were not consistent with claims on packaging or the relevant standards.

The 28 failed products were immediately withdrawn from sale, and fines for selling substandard goods were levied on vendors. Shenzhen Cashmere Products Limited was fined 20,000 yuan for using cancer-causing dye, the biggest violation revealed in the spot-checks.

Mr Huang, a manager at one Wal-Mart branch, acknowledged their store had sold some of the brands. "This is unacceptable. We are currently conducting an internal investigation to prevent similar incidents from happening," he said, adding that the problem brands had all been withdrawn from sale pending the outcome of the investigation.

A spokesperson for Carrefour said they inform their customers of all test results and other information released by BCIB, and anyone who had bought the brands in question could return the items for a refund if they have a receipt.

Brief news

Highest house prices

Prices of newly-built houses in the capital rose by 10.7 percent last month, ranking first among 70 major cities across the country, the National Bureau of Statistics and the National Development and Reform Commission announced this week.

More foreign visitors

Over 92 million foreign tourists have visited China in the first nine months of this year, up some three percent on the same period of last year, the China National Tourism Administration said this week.

IPR infringements rise

Police have resolved more than 1,900 cases of intellectual property right infringement in the first 10 months of this year, a figure up over 31 percent on that of the same period last year, according to Wu Heping, of the Ministry of Public Security.

Panda baby boom

A record 28 of 31 panda cubs born via artificial insemination techniques have survived so far this year, a new high for a single year, said Zhang Zhihe, director of the China Giant Panda Breeding Technical Committee.

Foreign trade at record high

The country's foreign trade in the first 10 months was worth more than US\$1.4 trillion, up over 24 percent on the same period of last year, the Ministry of Commerce said this week. (By Jiang Xubo)

Foreign banks to offer yuan business

Beijing, November 15 (Bloomberg) – Foreign banks in China will be allowed to offer yuan business like bank cards and mass-market banking services, but have to incorporate with local partners, according to the new rules issued by Chinese regulators this week. The rules will take effect on December 11, less than a month before the industry fully opens under China's WTO entrance commitment.

Lenders that don't incorporate locally must set aside twice as

much capital, or 200 million yuan (US\$25.4 million), as those that do. They also can't either issue bank cards and can take only large deposits, limiting their ability to amass funds and grow through lending.

The requirement to incorporate may be the biggest hurdle after December 11, when China removes all geographic and business restrictions on overseas banks.

Foreign banks are eager to offer loans, mortgages and credit card services in the local currency to

spur expansion in the US\$5.1 trillion industry.

Foreign banks wishing to open a new outlet in China must first receive approval from the nation's banking regulator, which will issue its decision within six months of getting an application, according to the new rules. The overseas bank must then complete preparations to open the new outlet within the next six months.

Foreign banks, which have more than doubled their profit in

the country in the past five years, aim to tap the nation's US\$2 trillion of household savings, partly through offering credit cards and asset-management services. They earned a combined US\$446 million last year, compared with US\$196 million in 2001.

Domestic banks still have far larger networks, according to figures from June 30. The 70,000 branches for China's four biggest state-owned lenders dwarf the 214 for overseas banks.

Islamabad and Beijing close to FTA

Beijing, November 14 (Reuters) – China and Pakistan have wrapped up the free trade agreement ahead of the visit later this month by President Hu Jintao, Xinhua reports.

Xinhua quoted sources with China's Ministry of Commerce as saying that negotiators cleared the last major hurdle, on market access, during a fifth round of talks in Beijing last Friday.

Anglo American eyes coal-to-energy

Beijing, November 15 (Reuters) – Anglo American is studying for a US\$4 billion coal-to-gas, power and chemicals project in northern China that would start in 2009, said its chairman, Mark Moody-Stuart.

The company's current investment in its Xiwan coal joint venture in Shaanxi Province is US\$300 million. It also operates a limestone quarry in eastern China, and is exploring for platinum in Sichuan.

Zijin searches gold in Peru

Beijing, November 15 (Reuters) – Chinese gold miner Zijin Mining Group plans to invest in a gold mining project in Peru. The proposal is under review by the Chinese central government.

In October, Peruvian newspaper Mundo Minero said that Zijin was in talks to partner in the Canariaco deposit, with Candente Resource Corp.

China Mobile, News Corp. cooperation

Beijing, November 12 (Reuters) – China Mobile joins News Corp. to provide a wireless music service.

Through the wireless music platform, China Mobile will provide cell phone users with downloading service of songs created by Internet users, while the Star Group will engage in music production and promotion.

China Netcom's JV with Telefonica

Hong Kong, November 14 (InteractiveInvestor) – China Netcom announced a joint venture with Spain's Telefonica SA to hold controlling shares in PCCW, a Hong Kong-based phone operator.

Telefonica will purchase an eight percent stake in PCCW which would increase the shares of the joint venture in PCCW to 27.9 percent.

Emirates to introduce in-flight cellphone use

Dubai, November 13 (AFP) – The Dubai-based carrier Emirates said it will become in January the world's first airline to introduce in-flight mobile phone services.

Mobile phones will only be used at cruise altitude. The service will also allow passengers to send and receive text messages.

Showing your best face to the world



A delegate of the Indonesian group decorates his booth for the 2006 China International Tourism Expo, which opened in Shanghai International Exhibition Center yesterday.

This year marks the seventh anniversary of the annually held expo, which has become the largest of its kind, thanks to the rapidly emerging Chinese tourism sector.

Xinhua Photo

Beijing-HK symposium features Olympics

Hong Kong, November 15 (GamesBids.com) – About 1,200 representatives from Beijing and Hong Kong are discussing Olympic-related laws and regulations, marketing, cultural activities, volunteer applications, ticketing, equestrian events, at the Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium this week in Hong Kong.

The organizer prepared a 1,500 square metre-area for an Olympic exhibition in the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center, showing the progress of Beijing 2008 preparations and displaying Olympic-licensed products.

They will also be given handouts of Olympic publications and will have the opportunity to view Olympic promotional films.

On October 24, Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee and the Hong Kong Olympic Committee signed an agreement on a joint marketing program, which allows the two sides to engage in Olympic marketing in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

As a part of the Beijing Olympic Games, Hong Kong will host the horse racing competition in 2008.

Beijing charts '07 economic outlook

Beijing, November 13 (UPI) – Chinese officials say the nation's economy will continue to grow at around 9.5 percent in 2007, with fixed asset investment up 20 percent over this year.

The State Information Center, a think tank under the National Development and Reform Com-

mission, said the three main engines driving Chinese economic growth – exports, consumption and investment – will all slow down a little, the state-run Xinhua news agency said.

Fixed asset investment is expected to hit 1.68 trillion yuan next year, and the volume of retail

sales will increase 12.5 percent.

Exports will jump 15 percent in 2007, which is 9.5 percentage points slower than this year, Xinhua said.

China's balance of trade surplus is expected to reach US\$177 billion, US\$30 billion more than in 2006.

IBM in partnership with universities

By Annie Wei

IBM announced a new strategy for China this week, which hopes to see new skills in business and technical issue resolution taught at China's universities.

Zhou Ji, minister of education, said that China needs to see the huge human resources in the country's education sector go from being a burden into being a resource for

a strong country. The minister said they have enjoyed a decade of successful partnership with IBM.

IBM global services is the largest IT services organization in the world. IBM believes that college graduates need new skills for a service business environment, and this is what will be taught in their Service Science Management and Engineer program (SSME). SSME

is an important approach for IBM's future development in China, said Samuel Palmisano, the company's global CEO.

Henry Chow, CEO of IBM Greater China, said the program would be instituted in more than 50 of China's universities within four years. The company has sponsored similar programs in other countries, including India.

Wumart faces shareholder probe

Hong Kong November 14 (Forbes) – Wumart, the biggest supermarket chain in Beijing has raised HK\$668 million (US\$85.7 million) in a placement last week possibly to use for acquisitions, but it may have to put any such takeover plans on hold. One of its major shareholders reportedly is under investigation by the government, which is curious about the source of his wealth.

The report didn't identify the shareholder by name but said it was one of Wumart's founders in 1994. According to its prospectus, Wumart was founded by Zhang Wenzhong, its chairman and president. Through Wumei Holdings, Zhang held 48.8 percent of Wumart when it was listed in 2003 on the Growth Enterprise Market, the board for speculative companies in Hong Kong.

Wumart was suspended from trading on Monday. A spokesman declined to comment.

Wumart operates 500 retail outlets, including hypermarkets, supermarkets and convenience stores in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province.

With 3.9 billion yuan (US\$493 million) sales, the retail chain earned 232 million yuan (US\$29 million) last year.



Xu Deying longs for a water cellar.

By Han Manman

Eighty-year-old Wang Cuifang, a common woman in Yuzhong County, Gansu Province, only had two baths in her life, one when she got married and the other before her funeral. There are many villagers in west China who suffer such hardships. They lack water and long for water.

Aridity is a worldwide problem but the west China is one of the most arid places on earth where the annual rainfall is around just 300mm, while 1,500-2,000mm of water evaporates from the land. The villagers in these areas suffer some of the worst water shortages in the country because of poor natural and geographical conditions.

Before the 'Love of the Earth, Water Cellar for Mothers' project was launched, many farmers had to walk miles to fetch water. Others relied on poorly constructed water pits made from concrete. But these pits soon begin to leak. The water shortages cause local farmers incredible hardship, with a drop in agricultural production. It also affects their family's health. The rate of gynecological disease and the number of deaths of newborn babies is high.

But the national charity project, that provides water storage cellars for families living in the country's poor, dry areas, has helped thousands of people. People there now collect rainwater by building containers under the ground, called 'water cellars'.

Last Sunday, I traveled to villages in Yuzhong and Xigu County, Gansu Province, to see how the villagers lives had been turned around.

Water shortage

It is hard to imagine the severity of the water shortage in Xiongziwan village in Xigu County without actually going there. I did not see a tree or any sign green on the whole four hour journey to the village. All I could see was the monotonous, unchanging earth.

Because of the poverty and water shortages, many of the men in this area have left to try to find work in the cities. Their wives, children and elderly parents are left having to walk the dozens of miles along mountain roads to get water.

"I remember the first and only time I took a bath and that was 50 years ago when I got married," said 69-year-old Xu Deying, her teeth yellowing because of the bad water quality and the lack of sanitation. Like Xu, many other villagers have yellow, rotting teeth, if they have

Quenching the thirst of thousands



Drinking a bottle of water for Jin Fa is a rare luxury.



This old man needs to walk more than two hours everyday to fetch water from a neighboring village.

Photos by Han Manman



The villagers had to use this muddy water to cook rice before they had a water cellar.



A poorly constructed water pit



Mother cellar gives Ha Junying new hope for life.

any at all. Her hands look like the twisted branches of trees. Xu has to walk several hours down the valley every day to fetch water and because of her age she can only manage a few liters every time. "Sometimes arguments break out between the villagers because they have come to the same place to fetch water."

The people in the village are nearly all farmers who grow corn, potato and buckwheat. Because of aridity, vegetables and fruit are too hard to grow. Xu said she has never eaten vegetables in her life.

'Mother Cellar'

There are many villages like Xiongziwan in west China that suffer from such severe water shortages.

To help those villagers get out of poverty and underdevelopment resulting from the water shortages, the China Women's Development Foundation (CWDF) raised contributions from society to implement the 'Love of Earth, Water Cellars for Mothers' special aid action. One donation of 1,000 yuan can help to build a concrete water cellar, which will store enough drinking water for a whole family. The charity has relieved the daily burden of fetching water for a million farmers and herders in western China since it was launched.

Wazixian is one of those villages which has benefited from the scheme. A special cellar was built in Ha Junying's yard in August to collect rainwater.

The water cellar is made of concrete and is 36 cubic meters in

size. It can hold 50 to 80 cubic meters of rainwater. If there is heavy rain, the cellar can provide enough water for a family of three to five people for a whole year. With two water cellars, they can irrigate an acre of land. In the past, all of the families in Ha's village in Yuzhong County, northwest China's Gansu Province, used to rely on the same rudimentary well.

"Almost every family in the village has their own water cellar that provides drinking water for both people and livestock," said an official with the county government. "Some families even use the collected rain water for irrigation."

"Everyday I pray for rainfall," said Ha. She said before she had the cellar she had to go twice a day to fetch water from a village more than five kilometers away. Now all she has to do is wait for a downpour which will fill the cellar and give her enough water for a year. When showing off the cellar, Ha smiles broadly. With the stored water she plans to cultivate some vegetables.

Although every villager has a water cellar, they still try to preserve the rainwater that they have. It is a village where most inhabitants don't lock their doors but instead lock their water cellars. "I don't know when it will rain next so I have to preserve the water," said Ha. "It's a very precious gift for us."

Six-year-old Jin Fa now takes half a glass of water with him when he goes to school. "My mother only lets me drink half a glass a day because all my family depends

on this water cellar," said Fa. His primary school is four kilometers away by mountain road. He has to overcome the desire to drink the water on the way to school because he knows that if he drinks it, he will have no water to drink for the rest of the day. When I gave him a bottle of mineral water, Jin Fa drank half the bottle in one gulp. "It's the most delicious water I've ever drunk," he said.

Next step

Building cellars to collect rainwater has been a longstanding practice in western areas.

According to Muo Wenxiu, vice-chairperson of CWDF, 'Mother Water Cellar' project has expanded to southwestern provinces. At present, the beneficial areas cover 15 provinces, including Shaanxi, Gansu, Ningxia and Guangxi. Nearly one million people in western areas shake off poverty after being given a water cellar. In Gansu Province alone, 130,000 people and 180,000 head of livestock now have access to portable drinking water thanks to the project.

However, there are still nearly 10 million residents in the western areas – especially women and children – struggling with water shortages.

How to donate

A donation of 1,000 yuan will pay for the construction of a water cellar. Contact the Organizing Committee of 'Land of Love' Program at 010-6510 3488, 010-6514 0471.

Italian official up for local green award

By Chu Meng

Corrado Clini is the first candidate from another country nominated for the First Beijing Environmental Protection Star, a competition designed to acknowledge those who have helped make Beijing a better place to live from a long-term prospective.

He is one of 20 candidates vying for the award, sponsored by the municipal government and Environmental Protection Education Center. Other potential winners include ordinary Beijing residents, migrant workers, members of non-governmental organizations and the shortlist was narrowed down from more than 100 applicants.

The environmental center's website, www.bjee.org.cn, lists the remaining 20, and Internet users can vote for the final list of 10 until December 13.

Su Xinxin, from the Italian embassy, said that Mr Clini is the director-general of the Department for Global Environment International and Regional Convention at the Italian Ministry for Environment and Territory. "He's not well-known by the general public, but through his work, the Italian government has invested more than 30 million in bilateral environmental projects in Beijing. Many are not very well known, but they include converting city buses to run on natural gas, the air quality monitoring system used in our daily weather forecasts, and a solar energy water heater for the Olympic Village."

International peace singer to be shot against Wall



Fred Nassiri (second from right), Lu Chuan and friends ham it up for the camera.

Photo by He Jianwei

By He Jianwei

Fashion mogul, international singer, composer and peace advocate Fred Nassiri is in Beijing as part of a 15 country video shoot to accompany his latest ditty, *Love Sees No Color*.

Nassiri plans to sing the piece in 14 languages, with children from different races, countries, creeds, religions, and colors. His crew will use local directors and local children from communities close to some of world's most inspiring and meaningful locations, including the Pyramids, the Brandenburg Gate, and the Statue of Liberty.

The Chinese version of the video will be shot at the Great Wall by director Lu Chuan, best known for his film *Kekexili: Mountain Patrol*. This is Nassiri's first visit to China, but it has apparently been long

enough for him to conclude that the Great Wall, an ancient military structure built by serf labor, can represent China in the cause of peace. "I know that he who has not been to the Great Wall is not a real man," he said.

Nassiri hopes his video will "spread the message of peace and harmony to the world through the power of music." "There are three issues I care about, war, poverty, and those children who are born in refugee camps. My music and message are intended to transcend all ages, genders, races, and religions to help create a harmonized, peaceful world," the warbler modestly claims.

"I will bring a message to the world that Chinese children are looking forward to peace, and let the whole world hear the voice of

Chinese children," said Lu Chuan.

Nassiri, who built his fortune as a fashion magnate and one of the US's largest wholesalers of designer labels to mass merchandisers, plans to donate all the profits from the sales of *Love Sees No Color* to charities around the world.

Nassiri started his songwriting and charity work 10 years ago. "Suppose the table is full of food. If I'm hungry, I, of course, care about the food on the table. If I'm not hungry, I will care about the other things," said the gnomish Nassiri when asked why he pours his passion into charity work.

Other video shoots took Nassiri to Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Germany, France, Russia, Japan, India, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. The video will be finished in Las Vegas next year.

French gallery plans debut Beijing show

By Qiu Jiaoning

The world-famous Maeght Gallery will launch its first exhibition in Beijing this Saturday, and plans to open a gallery here by the end of 2008, according to Yoyo Maeght.

The exhibition will feature 191 works, including oil paintings, charcoal drawings and engravings, by three artists from Italy, Turkey and Japan. It will be held at the Beijing TS1 Contemporary Art Center, from November 18 to January 15, 2007.

The three artists are Marco Del Re, Selma Gurbuz and Aki Kuroda. The work of Selma Gurbuz, from Istanbul, is remarkable for its kinship with the Orient and its references to the traditions and history of Occidental art.

Ms Maeght regards Beijing, together with Paris and New York, as the three top multicultural cities. She said the gallery has opened a consultancy to help Chinese artists know more about the international art scene and explore potential cultural cooperation and exchanges.

The Maeght Gallery was opened by Aime Maeght in 1936. It has shown work by many famous international artists, including Braque, Matisse and Leger from France, Spain's Miro, Tapes and Chillida, Russia's Chagall and Kandinsky, Calder from the US, and Swiss sculptor Giacometti. The gallery has branches in Paris and Barcelona, and also runs a printing house and a foundation. It has also built a museum in Paris for contemporary art.

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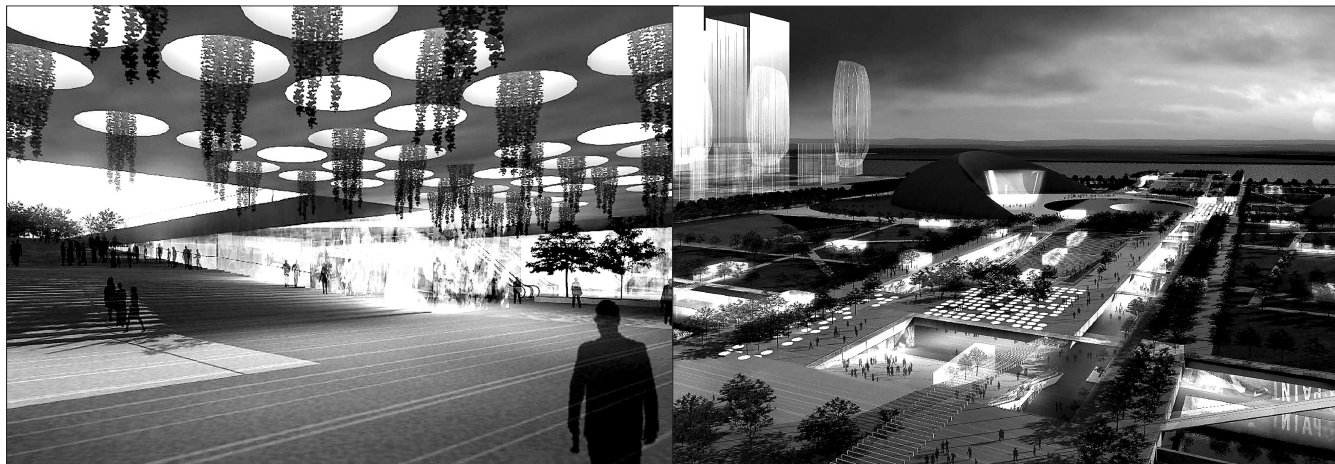
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Beijing mulls 'underground town'



A draft plan for the underground town in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. Hangzhou is the first city in China proposing and preparing for an underground business and entertainment town. **CFP Photos**

Beijing, November 12 (AFP/INQ7.net) – Beijing planned to direct some of its frenetic development underground to ease congestion and other urban growing pains plaguing the city, state media reported Sunday.

City planners have identified 17 key areas of the city for subterranean development, and envision an eventual 'underground town' spanning 90 million square meters by 2020, Xinhua news agency said.

The plan would quadruple the amount of underground space now being utilized in the city, which is currently at about 30 million square meters, Xinhua quoted Shi Xiaodong, a designer with the Beijing Municipal Institute of City Planning and Design, as saying.

The plan would help ease traffic congestion, tensions over land use in downtown areas, and environmental problems, Xinhua reported.

The areas targeted for subsurface devel-

opment included the thriving Wanfujing shopping area and the bustling central business district.

Underground floor space had expanded by three million square meters in Beijing annually, and accounted for 10 percent of the city's total floor space completed each year, Shi said.

About 30 percent of the new space developed annually was used for commercial and cultural purposes, with the rest devoted to parking and other traffic use, Xinhua said.

Beijing is in the midst of a building boom, fuelled by a surging economy and huge pent-up housing demand, and new residential and office towers are sprouting all over the city.

The growth spurt has resulted in traffic-clogged city streets, as more Chinese can afford cars, and worsening air quality in the Chinese capital.

Interview with the editor:

It's an interesting story, though it lacks detail. We are encouraged by Beijing's open mindedness and determination to develop.

We have not yet had any 'underground towns' in Manila. Underground towns are common in developed big cities and inevitable in the process of developing towards big cities.

We understand it will solve some problems like car parking, traffic jams, shopping and entertainment. But we also understand that more old buildings will be destroyed. Therefore, more detailed planning is needed.

Beijing is in full preparation for the Olympic Games and many buildings are under construction. I just want to say, be careful in planning.

— Nonoy Esbina, desk editor, INQ7.net
(By Ayi)

Millionaires only at Shanghai matchmaking party

Shanghai, November 12 (AFP) – China's wealthiest and most dazzling city, plans to add to its reputation this weekend with a millionaire party aimed at hooking up rich men with beautiful women, state press said.

Men wishing to participate must have assets worth at least two million yuan (US\$250,000), and women must be pretty and desirable, the *China Daily* quoted the event's organizer, Xu Tianli, as saying.

More than 20 men have signed up to take part in the event and half possess assets worth more than 200 million yuan (US\$25 million), according to Xu, owner of matchmaking website for the rich www.915915.com.cn.

A 34-year-old millionaire taking part in the

event, who gave his surname as Sun, said he was hoping to find the woman of his dreams at the party, to be held on a cruise vessel on the Huangpu River.

"I often find pretty women on the street, but many of them are not the kind to win husbands," said Sun, a logistics business owner worth more than US\$500,000. "Appearance is most important to me."

Xu has so far selected 30 women out of 1,000 applicants to take part in the cruise.

"Only those who were attractive in every category can take part," insisted Xu.

Some millionaire women will also join, but Xu said they were looking for men "richer and more successful than they are."

Interview with the editor:

Things like this do not happen everyday. And it sounds a little bit weird that people who are that rich try to find their wives in this way. That is why we ran this story and think it will interest our readers.

Pretty girls looking for rich men to marry are common. It is the same in our country, but I am not sure that there are organized parties like this. If I were that rich, I wouldn't go to parties like this.

— Nonoy Esbina, desk editor,
newsinfo.inquirer.net
(By Jiang Xubo)

Beijing family finds it hard to be middle class

Beijing, November 13 (thestar.com) – It is a routine working day morning: Zhang Ping, 38, drives his daughter, Zhang Fangran, to school in the family Buick, then goes to work at the China World Trade Centre.

His wife, Cao Ling, a civil servant at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, leaves their home in the Beijing suburb and takes the metro to work.

In the evening, Cao and Fangran get back home around 6 o'clock. Cao prepares dinner for

the family, but is not surprised when Zhang calls to say he is working late and will not be home for dinner.

With their own apartment, car, desirable jobs, decent income and social status, the family is considered part of China's emerging middle class.

Zhang and Cao, however, don't think they can be classified in this group. "We are scrambling for our lives in the fast-changing society," they say.

"On one hand, we are enjoying

quality lives. On the other hand, we are under heavy pressure."

Zhang, as a mid-level executive with a foreign-based real estate consulting firm, earns 150,000 yuan (US\$18,750) annually.

His wife, an administrator at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, earns around 40,000 yuan (US\$5,000) a year.

Zhang tells China Business Weekly they have to spend 4,000 yuan (US\$500) per month for another 20 years for the mortgage on their apartment bought

at the unit price of 8,000 yuan (US\$1,000) per sq m.

"In 2002, the down payment of 300,000 yuan (US\$37,500) for our house and the Buick sedan, tagged at about 180,000 yuan (US\$22,750), ate up all our savings," Zhang says.

Fortunately, Cao owns another apartment in southern downtown Beijing, a benefit of the welfare housing policy under the planned economy decades ago.

"Now we can get 2,000 yuan (US\$250) per month in rent to

Birth sex ratio in Beijing 'severely' unbalanced

Shanghai, November 13 (Interfax) – The female to male ratio at birth in China's capital is "severely" unbalanced, especially among migrant workers, according to the state media.

The sex ratio at birth in Beijing this year will hit 109 males to 100 females while the normal ratio should be 102 males to 107 females, according to the latest statistics issued by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Population and Family Planning.

The unbalanced sex ratio arises from traditional, deep-rooted preferences of families for boys and is mainly a result of the illegal common practice of induced abortions of female babies, the commission said.

All hospitals in Beijing will have to register detailed information of newborn babies as the commission plans to collaborate with hospitals to monitor the sex ratio at birth. At the same time, it will cooperate with the security department and health authorities to clampdown on illegal induced abortion practices.

Lung cancer top killer in Beijing

Beijing, November 13 (Bernama) – Lung cancer has claimed the title of most deadly cancer in the capital, Beijing Research Institute of Tumor Prevention and Control said.

Zhi Xiuyi, a professor with Capital Medical University, said Beijingers are increasingly familiar with lung cancer.

One out of four cancer sufferers in the city is a lung cancer patient.

With incidence of the disease on rise, the average age at which a patient contracts lung cancer goes down by 12 months every five years, Zhi added.

The youngest lung cancer sufferer diagnosed by the Lung Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Center of Beijing's Xuanwu Hospital was only 21 years old.

About 20,000 residents in the city contract cancer every year, with incidence of the disease reaching 179 out of 100,000 people.

Experts believe environmental pollution, smoking, passive smoking, and fumes from hot cooking oil are all factors in the high occurrence of lung cancer.

Research results show people in industrialized areas are more prone to lung cancer than those in underdeveloped areas.

partly cover our mortgage," Cao says, slightly concerned.

Expenditure on their daughter, especially her education, is another major cost. "To enter a top school, we gave the school 30,000 yuan (US\$3,750) as a sponsor fee," says Zhang.

In addition to tuition, the couple pays for Fangran's dancing, music and English lessons.

Planning ahead, they pay 1,000 yuan (US\$125) each month into an education fund for their daughter, Fangran.

A Beijing stitch up



A man selects fabrics at Cylinder Fashion & Life Membership Club.

Photo by Tian Yufeng

By Huang Daohen

A large number of international clothes brands have poured into the city. People have more choice than ever before. Interestingly enough, more and more people are going to customized tailoring companies to get their hands on bespoke suits.

"Harder by far than choosing a barber, an accountant, or a lawyer, sewing up a relationship with a tailor always involves a large chunk of cash up front, and a nervous wait for the results," said former award-winning model, May Ma, now an art director at Cylinder Fashion & Life Membership Club. "That's the reason why I opened the club."

May launched Cylinder with some fellow artists last year, with the goal of providing the members tailor-made clothes and a modern international superior lifestyle.

The three major factors that determine the quality of a suit, according to May, are the way it is made, workmanship and fabrics. Below is a guide about how to get the best suit for your money.

Price

The price varies depending on how much you spend on fabric.

However, keep in mind two basic prices: 1,000 yuan for a tailored jacket, and 4,000 yuan for a man's regular business suit.

But those prices are assuming you use 'good quality' fabrics, and so of course if you need something cheaper then you can get it.

An even better way to gauge prices is to work from the cost of your material plus 300 yuan for the work of actually making it.

Cut

"The art of the tailor is not

magic – but persuasion.

Good tailoring is about enhancing your best features, not trying in vain to hide your worst." May said. A tall thin man cannot be made to look short and fat. But the positive can be advertised with sharper single-breasted cuts and subtle features, like adding an extra button.

In addition, a fundamental aspect of a suit is the body canvas, which is a piece of interlining that sits behind the front of the jacket. There are two very different methods for canvassing a jacket.

The first is known as a 'fused' canvas, which is a piece of artificial interlining and normally used by the cheaper tailors. The other is known as the 'floating' canvas. A good suit should have a floating canvas, either hand-or machine-stitched.

Fabric

Wool is the fabric of choice for most cuts of suit, and cotton for shirts. The first thing to consider when you choose your fabric is where it is from.

The most important division, according to May, is between Chinese and imported fabric, and the imported fabric will be either Italian or British.

British and Italian fabrics are the best in the world.

British fabric really only exists at the very top end of the quality scale, and is expensive – expect to pay a minimum of 5,000 yuan for a suit length.

"British fabric is relatively heavy, hard-wearing and the designs are generally classic and traditional," May said.

ASK Beijing Today

1. Hi, I live in Dongzhimen and I'm looking for a good place to study Chinese. Can you recommend any school to me?

1) Frontiers.com.cn: a stone's throw from the Kenzo shopping mall, southwest of Dongzhimen subway station, and very close to Xingfucun. Professional staff, group, one-on-one classes and flexible hours.

2) Mychineselearning.com: across from Thai restaurant Purple Haze in the hutongs between April Gourmet and the Workers stadium.

3) Chinesehorizon.com: also near Workers Stadium, Dongzhimen.

2. Where can I find 24-hour shops for snacks and food in Beijing?

These places are known as 24-hour stores: there are 7-Eleven and Quick chain stores all over Beijing.

Jackpot café, a Hong Kong style eatery is located inside the Landmark, near Sanyuanqiao.

Jindingxuan serves up a mix of many types of Chinese dishes, including dimsum and congees, which are great late-night snacks. It's also a chain restaurant and the biggest one is near Di'anmen, next to Tango.

3. Where can I get good tea in Beijing, not that cheap rubbish?

Not everyone is good at telling the quality of Chinese green tea.

But Maliandao tea street in the south of Beijing is a great place to go because it's a street full of independent tea shops which also sell accessories for making tea.

You can also try before you buy.

(By Wei Ying)

How to judge the workmanship:

Canvas

See the canvas. A floating canvas feels like a separate layer between the outer fabric and the lining.

Inside the jacket

Look at the panels around the pocket: the better jacket uses one piece of fabric for the inside face. The fabric under the arm – the

better quality jacket has a protective patch made from the same fabric as the suit.

Cuff buttons

Buttons with no buttonholes indicate the worst quality. Better is buttons with sewn but not functional buttonholes.

Where to go?

Cylinder Fashion & Life Membership Club
Where: 120, 1F South, 15, Zhujiang Royal

Court, 28, Guangqu Road, Chaoyang
Tel: 5863 2402
Website: www.cylinderuk.com

Henry Poole

Where: 1F, Oriental Plaza, 1, Chang'an Street East, Dongcheng
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Where: located at the end of the main bar street in Sanlitun

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Make a film with Quick Flick World comes to China

How does QFW work?

QFW is an organization that gives normal people a platform to be a short film director.

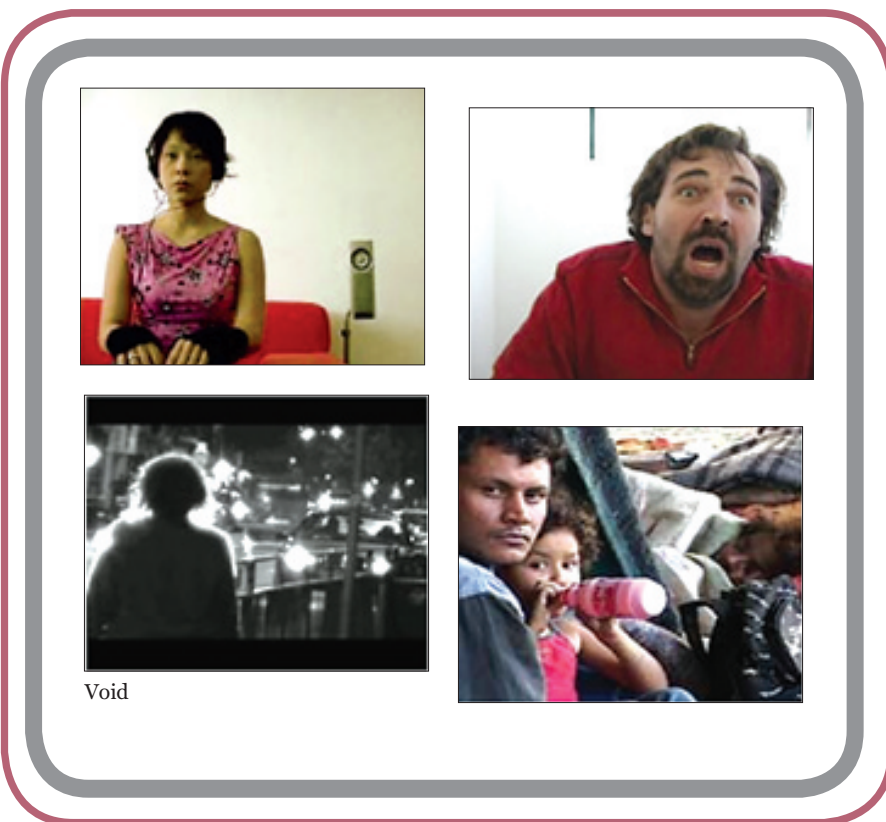
"We give a topic to our fans," said Tung Bi, one of the QFW team in China, "and then comes the most interesting part: you shoot the same-themed film on your own with people from all around the world."

"Every month brings something new and unexpected – this festival is very fluid and is constantly evolving to carve out a niche in a brave new media world," said Saint, the founder of QFW, "the best part about the festival is the people who make it happen in every city. I found them, and sometimes they found me, but they are all very cool people to develop this cultural phenomenon with."

You don't need a professional film camera, or even a DV: a mobile phone with video camera is all you need. In the first few days, members of QFW will discuss and choose one topic. Any ideas related to this topic in any way can be made into a short film lasting from 15 seconds to five minutes.

Later, the young directors, DJ's and creative-types connect to screen and share their latest creations relating to the global theme they've collectively chosen, said QFW. You can then watch all the films from across the world.

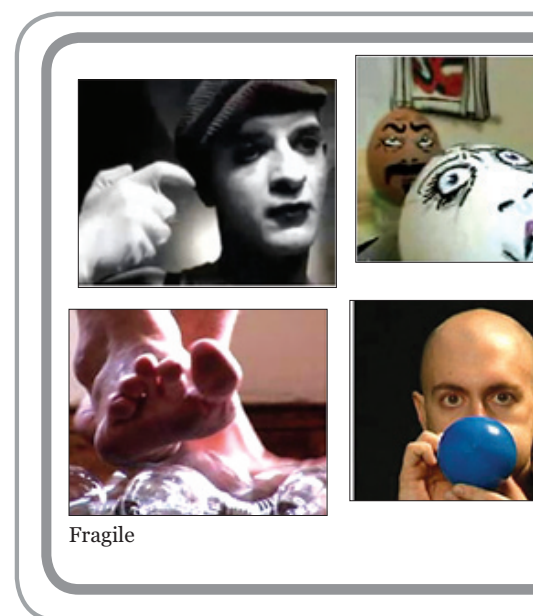
Saint is the founder of QFW, and the organization was born in New York City in April 2001. Saint and his friends got together and encouraged each other to make short films every month. He was living in Brazil between 2002 to 2004 and introduced the idea to some friends in production there. "The most interesting thing for me was always seeing how Brazilian and American film-makers would see the same subject differently and be inspired by their own cultural foundations," he said, "I decided to grow that idea to a global scale."



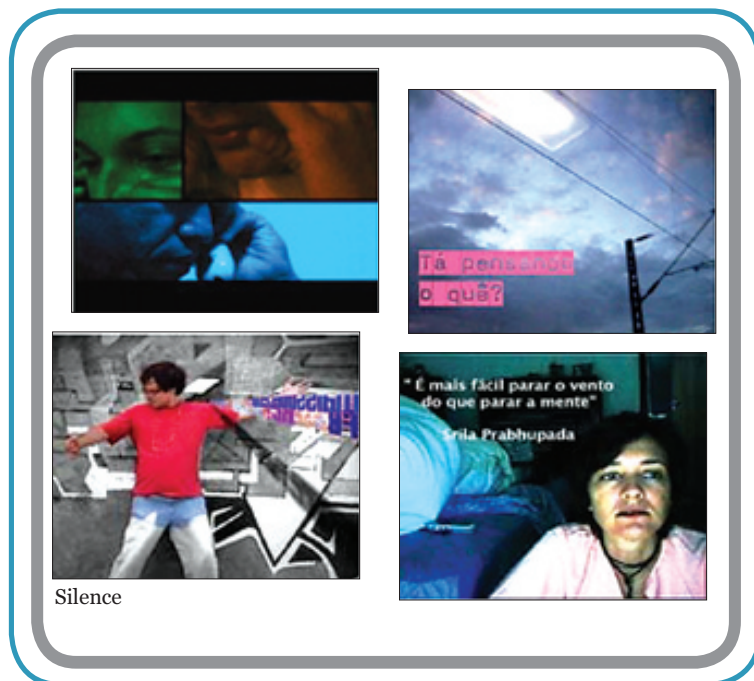
Void

By Gan Tian

How many times have you had times have you watched a film? Quick Flick World (QFW), and to China with the aim of getting into the industry: you can make a short film and have it broadcast on the other



Fragile



Silence

QFW in China

QFW has reached 10 cities, including New York, London, Berlin, Mexico City, Barcelona, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Beijing and Tokyo. It came to China in July, with the theme 'Made in China'. As its ninth destination, China brought the QFW a typical Chinese look and spirit, letting more and more people know the deep culture and individual's ideas of Chinese people.

"People in other countries have a fixed view of China," said Tung Bi. "They think China is all countryside and not very advanced, just like in the films *Xiao Wu*, or *Raise the Red Lantern*. But obviously it's not really like that. Those kinds of films want to be outstanding in those international film awards, and the world has a fixed model of Chinese movies. The important thing is, QFW shows the world another China, modern, advanced, and open-minded."



Obsession

ad the idea of making your own film? How many
you could do better?
organization spanning nine countries, is coming
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t film with people from all over the world and
side of the globe.

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What is QFW's spirit?

Tung Bi emphasized 'the spirit of QFW' many times during the interview. But it's a difficult concept to get across in a few words.

"I want QFW to be able to influence this industry in its own small way," Saint said, "QFW can offer two things: first, a unique, global and optimistic platform started by filmmakers and for filmmakers to encourage artists to develop their craft. Second, an insight into other cultures around the world that shows our differences as being shallow and unimportant. We are all human and if we can entertain each other, then that might bring us a bit closer together."

Maybe QFW website's quote is the best description of it: "Pluralism of expression, ideas flowing, a symphony, resonance, the world, themes, life, thoughts, creativity, synapses, looks, ideas, techniques, passion; all giving shape to a movement aimed to spread to a dozen of the world's creative capitals."



Bad habit



Bicycle



How to take part

QFW says that no matter how skillful you are, if you have a camera you can make short films with people around the world.

1. Ask QFW the topic on the 18th or 19th of every month. If you want to be a regular filmmaker, you can give your email address to the organizer, and they will send you the topics every month regularly.

2. You have three weeks to make your QF, total free-form audiovisual work from 15 seconds to 4 minutes, which you then submit in the Masterclass, on data-CD, .mov or .avi. Setting: DV/DVC Pro and 48,000Khz.

3. Submit your film to your country's QFW part on Masterclass on the 10th or 11th of every month.

4. Once your QF has been submitted and screened, it is uploaded and can be beamed across the world. All the curators and producers from all the QFW cities then vote for the film. If selected, they include you in the following month's Showcase, which is screened in all the QF cities.

5. Go to the QFW festival on 17th or 18th every month. The festival will show 17 to 22 of the best quick flicks of the previous month and all of your country's films from that month.

6. Ask QFW about next month's topic.

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Voice

It's an interesting activity, but it's not convenient if you have to go to that festival every month. People are busy, and so is the film industry. The most important thing is that you should have ideas.

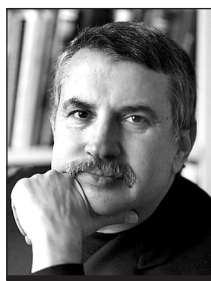
– **Xu Chao, independent movie critic, China**

Video is a very special and independent art. It should express those things that words alone cannot express.

– **Pang Bo, short filmmaker, China**

A mission that makes sense: spreading the word about the talent that blooms every month in QFW. Otherwise, I keep myself busy in the world of sponsored events, throwing in some color into the usually gray corporate picture. Somehow, in my (very little) free time I keep running into opportunities to help develop brilliant ideas.

– **Tania Brett, Cultural Marketer of QFW, Spain**



Believe it or not, the World is Flat

The World Is Flat
A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century.
By Thomas L. Friedman.
488 pp. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. \$27.50.
You can buy it at Bookworm

The Bookworm has never been as busy as it was on Sunday night. It was packed with more than 200 people; all waiting for a talk by Thomas Friedman, the New York Times columnist who is famous for his book *The World Is Flat*.

The book was an accident, Friedman said. When his first article on big corporation outsourcing was published in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, he realized he wanted to focus more on how the world is connected.

The book is rich with heated topics. The attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11 and the Iraq war; the convergence of technology and events that allowed India, China, and so many other countries to become part of the global supply chain for services and manufacturing, creating an explosion of wealth in the middle classes of the world's two biggest nations, giving them a huge new stake in the success of globalization; and with this 'flattening' of the globe, which requires us to run faster in order to stay in place, has the world gotten too small and too fast for human beings and their political systems to adjust in a stable manner? (From *Publisher's Weekly*)

While some scholars or experts are good in giving analysis, Friedman is good at telling stories. The author gives the broad perspective of globalization. (From *Publisher's Weekly*)

Very few writers today chronicle global shifts in simple and practical terms quite like Friedman, right?

But the book is sprinkled with warnings on how these trends will impact social cohesion, religious communities (especially Muslims), and nationalism.

Those who have opposed globalization have lost the battle. Now the challenge is how to guide it, and smooth out the inevitable transitions and tensions. Friedman calls this "the great sorting out."

This book is really a manual, or an idiot's guide to surviving in the computer age. It provides specific steps for individuals, companies, and poor nations to adapt to a "flat world." Friedman's advice to his own daughters: "Girls, finish your homework – people in China and India are starving for your jobs."

But he also gives advice to leaders on such policies as free trade and how to help that half of humanity which still lives in the unflat world. He warns that those not plugged into new technologies can actually do harm, because in a flat world, "if you don't visit a bad neighborhood, it might visit you."

– Clayton Jones, *Christian Science Monitor*

What created this flat world?

Friedman stresses technological forces. Paradoxically, the dot-com bubble played a crucial role. Telecommunications companies like Global Crossing had hundreds of millions of dollars of cash – given to them by gullible investors – and they used it to pursue incredibly ambitious plans to "wire the world," laying fiber-optic cable across the ocean floors, connecting Bangalore, Bangkok and Beijing to the advanced industrial countries. This excess supply of connectivity meant that the costs of phone calls, Internet connections and data transmission declined dramatically – so dramatically that many of the companies that laid these cables went bankrupt. But the deed was done, the world was wired. Today it costs about as much to connect to Guangdong as it does New Jersey.

A good bit of the book is taken up with a discussion of these technological forces and the way in which business has reacted and adapted to them. Friedman explains the importance of the development of "work flow platforms," software that made it possible for all kinds of computer applications to connect and work together, which is what allowed seamless cooperation by people working anywhere.

– Fareed Zakaria, *New York Times*

Is Friedman considered a future enthusiast because he describes a tantalizing look at the future?

The author's euphemism for dealing with this and other unresolved issues is: "Sort that out." He's acknowledging that issues such as intellectual property rights, global governance, wages, retraining, human rights, changing political alliances, and more need to

subtext about energy independence and the perils of free trade points to a future rather different from the one he is boosting: one in which America scales back its over-extended global role, and turns inwards to build globalization in one country.

– John Gray, *The Independent*

Sounds ok...

Rather like Bob Woodward, Friedman cannot resist dropping powerful names, with the grating epithet 'my good friend' applied to ambassadors and politicians alike. He has clocked up many an air mile, traveling to all points on his flat world, but devoting most of his time and energy to the superpowers of the future, India and China.

– John Kampfner, *the Guardian*

What's the difference between *The World Is Flat* and his 1999 *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*?

Like its predecessor, this book showcases Friedman's gift for lucid dissections of abstruse economic phenomena, his teacher's head, his preacher's heart, his genius for trend-spotting and his sometimes maddening inability to take himself out of the frame. It also shares some of the earlier volume's excitement (mirroring Rajesh Rao's) and hesitations about whether we're still living in an era dominated by old-fashioned states or in a post-modern, globalized era where states matter far less and the principal engine of change is a leveled playing field for international trade.

In particular, Friedman is obsessed with one of the great economic phenomena of our day: the outsourcing of the US economy's service and information-technology work to India, China and elsewhere.

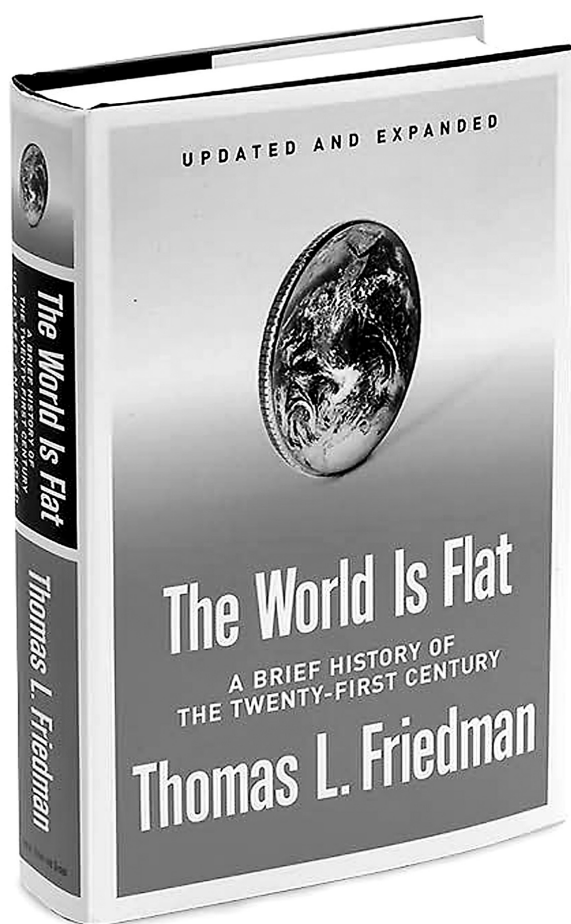
Friedman offers an engrossing tour of Flat World, but he sometimes overestimates its novelty.

– Warren Bass, *Washington Post*

So it's all a bit empty then?

The book is longer than necessary; many of the stories are oft-told business press tales. Occasionally, Friedman hyperventilates. His sections on the changes in business are unnecessarily repetitive and redundant; they also broadcast wrong explanations of some key concepts. However, this is an important book.

– David Ticoll, *The Globe And Mail*
(By Annie Wei)



be thought through and resolved.

Add one more force to the 10: Friedman's synergistic thinking. He offers a plan for managing a flat world that calls for leadership, muscle building, cushioning, social activism, and parenting.

There will be winners and losers. The winners, according to Friedman, will be those societies who can pull together and sacrifice for the sake of economic development.

– Michael Langan, *Boston Globe*

There are a lot of globalization books. What's this one like?

Like Friedman's earlier books, *The World Is Flat* unrelentingly upbeat in tone, but its

Local shelf

The Bridegroom

By Ha Jin



Vintage, 240 pages, 120 yuan

In *The Bridegroom*, a vibrant collection of 12 stories, Ha Jin returns to Muji City, post-Cultural Revolution, where the confusions and excitements of transitions great and small spark off unpredictable consequences. These upheavals are seen through the toings and froings of everyday men and women, arrested on trumped-up charges, applying for larger apartments, waiting to see an old flame, trying to lure a husband and daughter to New York. Sharp comeuppances and the little cruelties on which the world turns – folks made fools of by fate or by other folk – emerge from writing that is deceptively unadorned, unsentimental, as forthright as his wonderfully delineated characters. What marks out these stories is Ha Jin's quiet, sly humour and an unemphatic, but compassionate sense of the absurd.

The Diary of Ma Yan. The Life of a Chinese School Girl

By Pierre Haski

United Kingdom, 208 pages, 90 yuan

Now available in 17 languages this remarkable book is the unsophisticated diary of a 13-year-old schoolgirl – or world-be schoolgirl – in a remote and poverty-stricken village in Ningxia, north west China. When published in a Paris newspaper in 2002 the diary set off widespread concern, which resulted in the international 'Children of Ningxia' foundation. An often-forgotten dimension of today's industrializing China is presented in simple yet touching fashion.

Available:

Beijing Bookworm
Tel: 6586 9507

Bookends

By Jane Green

Broadway, 368 pages, 174 yuan

This is a superbly written story that about the bonds of friendship. The characters are so vivid and have great chemistry that you wish to be part of their group.

The beginning tells of the friendship among college mates Cath, Si, Josh, and Portia. It was a friendship that revolved around each's love and admiration of the beautiful Portia who knew this. The tightly-knot foursome comes undone after Portia seduces and breaks Josh's heart. As Cath, Si, and Josh graduate and move on, they purposely lost touch with Portia until 10 years later when Portia returns to their lives.

Chemistry among the Cath and Si, and Josh and Lucy (his wife) is obvious and very real. There are many funny Will and Grace-esque moments along with some serious issues: AIDS, adultery, and sexuality. I finished the book in good spirits and wishing for a sequel. I only wished we could get the story from Portia but as Cath notes towards the end, there is not enough water under the bridge to continue their friendship in the same manner as 10 years ago. Don't worry, Portia does redeem herself in the end!

Available:

Foreign Languages Bookstore
Tel: 6512 6903

(By Han Manman)

DIY your blog



By He Jianwei

"Did you blog today?" Has become a common greeting today. Writing a blog is routine for more and more people. Regardless of your motivation for blogging, whether you do it to make money, or for the passion of writing and sharing knowledge or a little bit of both, traffic is the lifeblood of your blog.

If you want more hits, read on.

How to DIY your blog:

Add music:

Music is a good way to make your blog come alive. The readers of your blog can listen to the music as soon as they open the page. There are two ways to add music. The first is, some blog hosts will provide a music service for bloggers; second is to write grammar to add the music. Take MySpace as an example:

First, go to MySpace and login to your MySpace profile.

Once you're in your profile, click on the Music link. You'll be taken to the MySpace music area, where there is a small box of drop-down search menus you can use to find just the right MySpace background music that you're looking for. All musical genres are represented here; you can search by artist or style.

Once you find the artist you're looking for, click on the artist's picture or name in the search results. If it is an official MySpace music page, there should be a red header across the top of the page with the words 'MySpace Music'.

You should see a big gray box with music selections playing or ready to be played at the artist's MySpace profile. In order to add this artist's song to your MySpace profile, click on the 'Add' button right under your selected song. You'll be asked if you really want to add this song to your MySpace profile, and if the answer is yes, then click 'Add Song to Profile'.

Now, when people click on your MySpace profile, they'll get a nice bit of MySpace background music.

Add background pictures:

The blog hosts will provide dozens of templates for your blog. You can always change the background pictures. Take MySpace as an example:

Browse through the archive and pick a background you like. Then click the image and a popup window will open with a preview of the background. If you like what you see, click 'View or download this image'.

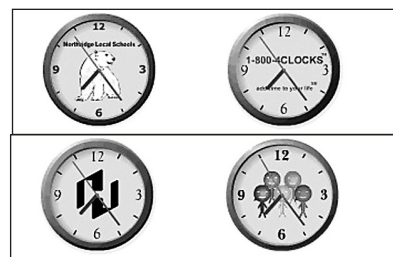
Save the background to your hard disk: right click the image and choose save image, then select a file location and click save. You can save anywhere you like.

Secondly, upload your image to a certain websites, such as Imageshack.us. Select

the image you just saved in the previous step and click "Open", then click "Host it", and you're done uploading. Now you will see a bunch of links. Copy-paste the link at "Direct link to image".

How to add a clock:

Do you want to add a clock to your blog?



Only four steps required:

First step: open www.clocklink.com

Second step: click 'clock gallery' and choose one of the clocks you like.

Third step: click 'View HTML tag' and find the code of the grammar.

Fourth step: paste the code in the customized region.

How to add a column of weather forecast:

If you want the readers of your blog to get information about the weather on your blog, you could paste the following grammar in the customized region:

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<IFRAMEsrc="http://appnews.qq.com/cgi-bin/news_qq_search?city=place"
frameBorder=0 width=157 scrolling=no
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height=240></IFRAME>

You can search other cities' weather.

How to add a polling system:

You can post a polling system on your blog. For example, if you want to know where the readers come from, you could create a poll on your blog.

It's a piece of cake to create a polling system. Register AT www.blogpolling.com. As you have created a free account, you CAN go to 'Manage Polls' and pull into the chart to create your new poll.

How to add calendar:

If you want to paste a calendar to your blog, you could enter the following websites: <http://www.mysteryanimals.jp/download/index.php>

Click the 'Click' button, then it will generate the code, and paste the code into your customized regions.



Tips for Blog Design

There are some efficient principles for your blog design.

1. Don't underestimate the power of your blog's logo. Site branding is popular terminology that basically means just what it says - your site logo, if not your design, gets 'branded' into people's memory, which is something that keeps them coming back.

The visual identity of your blog is sometimes as important as the writer's content.

It will give your readers insight into your blog's basic identity-and with a unique logo and design, that identity will become your brand.

2. Does your blog design communicate the goal of your site? Every blog owner has expectations set for their site-make sure that your design follows the expectations that you've set. You should design it in an attractive way that makes it easy for the reader to understand what it is, and how to obtain more information.

3. Your blog layout should be well orga-

nized and easy to navigate. Keep the posted items nicely separate from your side columns that contain your links and site information. Don't make your readers go on a treasure hunt for your blog's content and information. Make it as easy as possible for your reader to navigate their way through your blog.

4. Utilize CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) to drive the formatting and style of your blog design. This will ensure consistency in the format of fonts, colors and overall layout and positioning of your blog design. Imple-

menting CSS into your overall blog layout and design will improve the readability and navigation-making it a better experience for your readers.

5. Cross Browser Compatibility: A good thing to keep in mind is that your blog is going to be viewed in a variety of different computer platforms and browsers. To ensure readability-be sure to check your design in different browsers to make sure your blog renders correctly. Some recommended browsers would be: Netscape, Opera and Safari (Mac).



Mariah Carey albums

By Gan Tian

Americans like celebrating things. In Thanksgiving, they even appear to have a celebration of merely saying 'thank you', which probably explains why their service industry personnel are so damn polite. Here in China, if we want someone to say 'thank you' we have to give them something first. Just like this page is a kind of 'thank you' for my salary. Anyway, here's some stuff you could give on Thanksgiving.

Gifts for parents

Bio-Line Peel Cream

If you've been '30' for the last 10 years, then whenever friends are around you're probably wondering how to convince your prune faced mother to hide out in the attic so as not to ruin your scam. Well no more. This year, simply daub her crinkly body in this stuff and watch the years peel away. She'll scrub up like a ripe turnip.

Available: Bitherm shelf in big shopping centers

Cost: 580 yuan for Line Pearl, 650 yuan for cream, 450 yuan for Eye Cream

Zippo

This is a cigarette lighter. Perhaps your dad could light his cigarettes with it. If he doesn't smoke, buy him something else.

Available: F/1, Grand Pacific (Juntai) Shopping Center, Xidan, Xicheng

Cost: 400-800 yuan



Zippo cigarette lighter

Happy 'Thanksgiving'



Zippo cigarette lighter

Treat yourself

Samurai knives

No Thanksgiving is complete without eviscerating a turkey, and where better to hang your 'exhibit A' tag than a samurai knife? It's bloody sharp mind you, though I expect that's intentional.

Available: Kuli's, No 43, Xijiekou Nandajie, Xijiekou, Xicheng

Cost: 289 yuan

Mixed Fruit Drops

I think, therefore I am (Rene Descartes), I produce the shopping page, therefore I suck (Gan Tian). Of course, I'm referring to the candies.

Available: Lotus Supermarket, Wudaokou, Haidian

Cost: 34 yuan



Scarf



Biotherm Cream

Gifts for lovers

Mariah Carey albums

One of the songs is called *Thank God I Found You*. I have this nightmare where Mariah charges up to me and warbles this line. Then she follows me around all day. Everywhere I go, there's this noise like a clown is about to topple off a box, but every time I look round, it's just Mariah going through her falsetto gurn. One of us must die.

Available: BBO1, Fab, New Oriental Plaza, Wangfujing, Dongcheng

Cost: 24-89 yuan

Scarf

Knit one, buy one, either way it shows you don't want your lover to get a chapped neck.

Available: F/4, Ebase, Grand Pacific (Juntai) Shopping Center, Xidan, Xicheng

Cost: 129 yuan

Gifts for friends

Brother Bear's palm

What the hell is this? I suppose you could sit on it. Or bitch-slap someone, gently. Or you could talk to it, when faces aren't listening.

Available: B/1, Yaxiu Clothing Market, Sanlitun, Chaoyang

Cost: 29 yuan for small ones, 54 yuan for big ones

Curved spoons

This is my friend's gift to me. Every time you stir your coffee with this you should bear in mind, this spoon is 'not straight'. Neither is my friend.

Available: No 54, Chengfulu Road, Wudaokou, Haidian

Cost: 34 yuan



My first Turkey Day 2006 Infant body



Samurai knives



Curved Spoons



Mixed Fruit Drops
Photo by Gan Tian



Brother Bear's palm

Gifts for kids

My first Turkey Day 2006 Infant body

If you have a baby, doubtless you're obsessed with the little bugger. You're probably cooing over the picture of this right now, aren't you? Aren't you?!

Available: <http://www.cafepress.com>

Cost: US\$12.99

By Chu Meng

North Korea might not immediately leap to mind when thinking about the world's cuisine. Yet North Korean eateries, where waitresses from Pyongyang sing and dance traditional North Korean songs, have sprung up across China in the past four years.

North Koreans try hand at fine dining in Beijing

Yin Pan Guan Pyongyang Restaurant: Raw Beef and Dog Soup

By Chu Meng

My photographer was surrounded by waitresses in uniforms. "No photos", they keep repeating in Mandarin. "Welcome to Yin Pan Guan Pyongyang Restaurant." This restaurant is one of only five North Korean eateries in Beijing.

The first dish was, of course, Kimchi. I tried a huge mouthful, and my eyes watered. "Is this your spiciest Kimchi?" I asked the waitress. "No," she replied. "You wouldn't be able to handle it."

The *Lu Dou Bing* (green bean cake) came with three sauces, sweet, spicy and extremely spicy. A circular metal plate was lifted from our table to reveal a barbecue grill, and two plates of meat were served. The first was a beef dish, marinated in a spicy sauce. The second was the traditional *Wu Hua Rou*, thick slabs of pig seasoned in a sweet sauce.

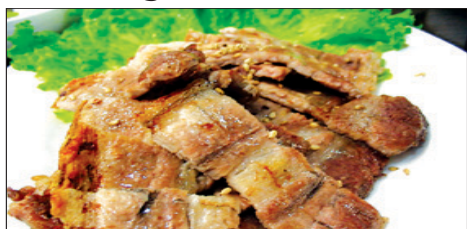
The next dish was raw beef with raw egg. The waitress mixed the whole thing into a glutinous mass. I ate one mouthful, but I couldn't swallow.

The waitress then brought out the star dish of the meal, a small cauldron of dog-meat soup. The dog meat was dark and pungent meat with a somewhat stringy texture. It is said to be a warming meat, equally good for cold winter days or long passion-filled nights.

Yin Pan Guan Pyongyang Restaurant

Where: No. 11, Fangcaodi West Road, Chaoyang
Open: 10am-10pm
Tel: 6491 6803, 6491 6801

Food with dances and songs



Pyongyang House's Streaky Pork

Photo by Gan Tian

By Gan Tian

The best thing about Pyongyang House is that you can enjoy a meal as waitresses dance and sing songs around you. Familiar and nostalgic, those who grew up during the 'building-socialism' era will find the food here delicious.

I arrived at 6:30pm to ensure that I got a good seat, but it was the food that attracted my attention.

Streaky pork is barbecued in lashings of oil, and is cooked to a mouth-watering golden brown color. The meat is marinated in wine, so it has a pleasant and faintly fruity taste. It is said that this North Korean specialty has a secret ingredient, but the waitress kept tight-lipped when I asked her what it was.

The Red Fish Soup is served in a hot, red pepper soup from which it gets its name. The soup was delicious and a perfect winter warmer.

Pyongyang is the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. You'll enjoy this restaurant. The atmosphere, the service and of course the food make it one not to miss.

Pyongyang House

Where: Huakang Hotel, No. 78, Maizidian Xijie, Chaoyang

Open: 10am-11pm

Tel: 6503 5732, 6503 5733

Cost: 120 yuan per person

The number of North Korean restaurants in China is about 100, most in north east China. In Beijing, there are only five.

One of the first to open was a branch of the Haedanghwa restaurant, which is an affiliate of the Koryo Hotel chain in Pyongyang. The restaurant held its grand opening party on February 16, 2002.



Yin Pan Guan's pickled vegetable

Photo provided by Yin Pan Guan Pyongyang Restaurant



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North Korea's royal dishes

By Chu Meng

The style and system of royal dishes were developed very elaborately. Well-trained court ladies prepared them from the best quality produce and seafood.

1. Kimchi



Ingredients: Cabbages and other vegetables are soaked in salt water, seasoned with different spices before being fermented.

There are many different types of kimchi, such as cabbage kimchi, cucumber kimchi, radish kimchi, cubed radish kimchi and green onion kimchi. It is a health food filled with vitamins and minerals.

2. Sinseollo

(fancy hot pot/ casserole dish)



Beef and radish, as well as sea cucumber, abalone, mushrooms, red peppers, walnuts and ginkgo nuts are boiled together to create a delightful casserole dish.

This casserole is prepared in a chafing dish that has a hollow center with a charcoal fire that continually boils the food while you eat.

3. Gujeolpan

(nine-sectioned dish)



This royal dish consists of eight varieties of food all chopped finely, seasoned and cooked. They are placed separately in the nine-sectioned platter with a wheat pancake located in the center.

How to eat it? Take a wheat pancake and place a small amount of the eight varieties of food on the pancake. Then simply role up and enjoy with a bit of sauce.

4. Naengchae

(chilled vegetables)



The freshest vegetables of the season are chilled, then sliced finely and mixed with such foods as seafood, meat or fruit.

Finally they are seasoned in a sauce that is sure to please your taste buds.

5. Jeonyueo

(pan-fried fish dish)



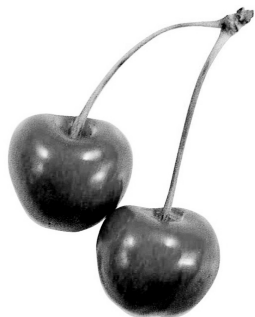
Jeonyueo is generally referred to simply as *jeon*. Meat, seafood, or a variety of vegetables are selected and sliced thinly.

The selected items are dipped in flour and egg batter, and pan-fried. This dish can be enjoyed on its own or dipped in soy sauce.

Want to quit smoking? Grab your Nokia. Muscles ache? Try a bottle of cherry juice. These are two of the strange-but-true treatments that today's researchers have uncovered. Believe it or not, there are examples of modern science finding that some really odd antidotes might be just crazy enough to work. Try the following unlikely remedies that even your doctor doesn't know about.

Crazy cures

Cherry juice to ease muscles



Recover from hefting 200 pounds of iron by lifting 12 ounces of cherry juice. In a study of weight-training men,

University of Vermont researchers discovered that drinking cherry juice after exercise might reduce muscle strain-linked pain. According to the research, those who imbibed a tall glass of cherry juice twice a day retained more strength and experienced faster pain relief than men who preferred other juices. A concentration of inflammation-fighting antioxidants inside cherries helps erase the ache, says Dr Declan Connolly, the study author. "They minimize the muscle tears that occur during forceful contraction."

Make it work for you:

Normally, doctors may suggest chewing your cherries instead of drinking them, for the sake of calorie considerations. The only problem is that you'd have to eat dozens of cherries to realize the anti-inflammatory effect of one glass of the juice. What is important, however, is the timing of your imbibing. "It's best to drink it after lifting or any time you do a higher-intensity workout," Dr Connolly says, "Try to look for a brand made with 'red tart cherries' but without added sugar."

30-second cure for hiccups

Drinking a glass of water, having someone 'scare' you, breathing into a paper bag... these are known as 'cures' for hiccups.... "That isn't a cure. It is something to do until the hiccups go away," said Travis Heaton from the *British Medical Journal*, who uncovered a special cure for hiccups that takes only 30 seconds and requires no extra props.

Hiccups are caused by a spasm of the diaphragm, resulting in a rapid air intake through the oral and nasal passages. The 30-second cure, composed by inhalation and swallowing, will expand the diaphragm beyond its normal

capacity. This expansion allows increased blood flow to the vessels inside the diaphragm, feeding the nerve that causes the spasm.

Make it work for you:

If done correctly, the whole process should take around 30 seconds, and your hiccups will be gone.

Step 1: Start by inhaling through your mouth until your lungs feel full. For best results, try to do this as quickly as you can.

Step 2: Swallow and do not let any air out. You are not really swallowing anything but without this act, it doesn't work.

Step 3: Now inhale some more.

You don't need to inhale a lot, but do get some more air in. It will start to get difficult to do this as you go, but keep trying.

Step 4: Swallow again. This too will start to get difficult as you go.

Step 5: Repeat step three and four until you cannot swallow again. When you feel like you cannot swallow again, swallow again anyway. It will be hard to do, your face will probably turn red, and you may make squeaking sounds. By this time, your lungs should also be quite full and it should be difficult to get much more air in as well.

Step 6: Exhale.

Sensible exercise for the coming new year

"Rushing into exercise after festive overindulgence is the worst thing you can do," says Simon Atkins, from Cleveland Clinic. Researches conducted by Dr Atkins recently found that exercise really can have some adverse effects. At this time of year, when the effects of seasonal indulgence lead many people to begin planning over-ambitious Christmas and New Year's resolutions, it's a message that is vital to get across before it's too late: exercise can be bad for you. The obesity rebound aside, the risks may include tendon injury and shoulder impingement syndrome.

Make it work for you:

Despite all of these potential problems, the benefits of exercise – weight loss, lower blood pressure and stronger bones – far outweigh the risks. Providing that you follow a

few simple tips, your resolutions will have the desired effects.

1. Exercise should be started gradually. You may initially only run short distances or lift lightweights and then build up slowly to avoid overuse injuries.

2. Ensure you have the right equipment and footwear, as blisters will stop you before you have really started.

3. Warm up thoroughly with stretching exercises before each session. These can prevent muscles being pulled and inflamed joints.

4. Drink plenty of fluids to avoid symptoms of dehydration.

5. Eat a well balanced diet since exercise uses a lot of energy and if you starve yourself beforehand, you risk passing out.

6. Take some rest days to allow your muscles to recover.



Text messages to quit smoking

Any time you want a Marlboro, reach for your Nokia instead. Telephone text messaging is an effective way of helping smokers kick the habit, researchers at the University of Auckland, in New Zealand, found recently.

They discovered that those who received daily text messages containing tips on beating cravings and motivational words from other quitters were twice as likely to kick cigars as those who went textless.

"People tend to carry their phones with them at all times, so it's a readily accessible means of providing cessation assistance," says study author Robyn Whittaker, "It's also relatively anonymous and confidential."

Make it work for you:

When you finally make your mind up to kick off the habit, set a quit date and then go to find a service on the net (e.g. backpackit.com) or telecommunication office, where you can write text messages to yourself and have them sent on preset days and times. Or, to prevent you from predicting every missive, you can use random delivery options.

Next, go to your phone's message options and create a group list of your closest friends and family. Send a text message to all of them, asking that they shoot you encouragement on your quitting day and the days that follow. Save the messages you like and pull one up every time a craving strikes.

(By Huang Daohen)





Present

Buy the cosmetic of Biotherm at Zhong You shopping center (176 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng) and get a bottle of olive cream for free. For details, call 6601 8899.



Free shoes

Spend over 88 yuan at the counter of Vero Moda in Lan Dao building (8 Chaowaidajie, Chaoyang) and get a pair of shoes until November 19. For details, call 8561 7838.



60-80 yuan voucher

Spend over 200 yuan buying sport brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma at Landao (8 Chaowaidajie, Chaoyang) and get 60-80 yuan voucher until November 19. For details, call 8561 7838.



55% off

The popular and stylish bag only costs 49 yuan now with an original price of 110 yuan at dangdang.com. For consumption and delivery, call 5123 6699.



50-75% off

Parts of air tickets from Beijing to Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Nanjing, Yantai and Shanghai are 50-70% off at bj-sd.com.cn. For details, call 5165 2600.



50% off

120 yuan for a whole day skiing in Beijing Yuyang skiing place, with original price of 240 yuan. 180 yuan for the weekends with original price of 360 yuan. For more information, check www.xmski.com



40% off

The cute iPod shuffle MP3 costs only 448 yuan with an original price of 779 yuan at joyo.com. For consumption and delivery, or other iPod products, call 6332 8899



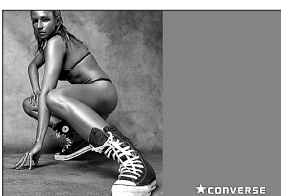
205 yuan voucher

Spend over 198 yuan at Zhong You shopping center (176 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng) and get 205 yuan voucher until November 19. For details, call 6601 8899.



200 yuan voucher

Spend over 150 yuan at Xin Hua shopping mall (Jishuitan Bridge, Xicheng) and get 200 yuan voucher. For details, call 8222 4800.



15% off

Part goods of Converse will be 15% off at Xidan Shopping center (120 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng) until November 23. For details, call 6656 5800.



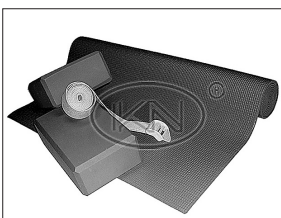
10 % off

Some household appliances at Lan Dao building (8 Chaowaidajie, Chaoyang) like Philippe, Panasonic and Braun are 10% off until November 19. For details, call 8561 7838.



30 yuan voucher

Spend over 100 yuan at Xiao Lan Yang hot pot restaurant (59 Youanmennei Dajie, Xuanwu) and get 30 yuan voucher until November 30. For details, call 6351 6885.



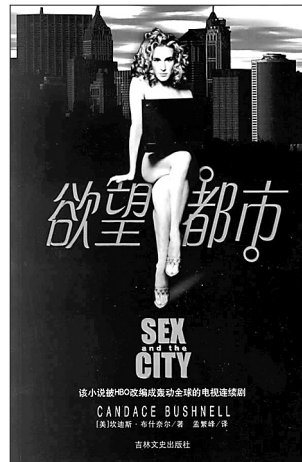
25% off

A yoga mat costs only 85 yuan at dangdang.com. Call 51236699. for more details. The accessories like the two bricks, the belt and the bag for the mat are free.



40% off

The clothes of Men's wear brand Playboy are 40% off at Lan Dao building (8 Chaowaidajie, Chaoyang) until November 19. For details, call 8561 7838.



50% off

The book, which was adopted into one of the most popular city episodes *Sex and the City* costs only 18.30 yuan, with original price of 36 yuan at joyo.com. Buy the Chinese edition and you will give the English version free. For consumption and delivery, call 6332 9988.



30-50% off

Parts of clothes of the sport brand Diadora are 30-50% off at Xidan Shopping center (120 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng) until November 23. For details, call 6656 5800.



100 yuan voucher

Spend over 200 yuan at Bei Chen shopping center (8 Anlilu, Chaoyang) and get 100 yuan voucher until November 19. For details, call 6499 3263.



30 % off

Some goods of the sport brand Mizuno are 30% off at Xidan Shopping center (120 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng) until November 23. For details, call 6656 5800.

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Friday, November 17

Exhibition

**Beijing Pink – Exhibition by
Manit Sriwanichpoom**



Where: Highland Gallery,
Dashanzi Art District, No 2
Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 11am-7pm,
until December 26

Admission: Free

Tel: 6437 7177

Jean Rochard Solo Exhibition

Where: Gallery Perif,
Dashanzi Art District, No 4
Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 11am-7pm,
until January 10, 2007

Admission: Free

Tel: 13581859097

Movie

Beyond Black Rock



The movie goes behind the
scenes of a social revolution to
explore the philosophy that fuels
it, the social contract that drives
it, and the transcendent experi-
ence that makes it a worldwide
cultural force. The filmmakers
spent 18 months with the
founders, organizers, artists and
participants to document the
Burning Man community.

Where: Cherry Lane Movies,
Inside Kent Center, 29 Liang-
maqiao Lu, Anjialou, Chaoyang

When: 8pm,
until November 18

Admission: 50 yuan

Tel: 13901134745

Madame Brouette



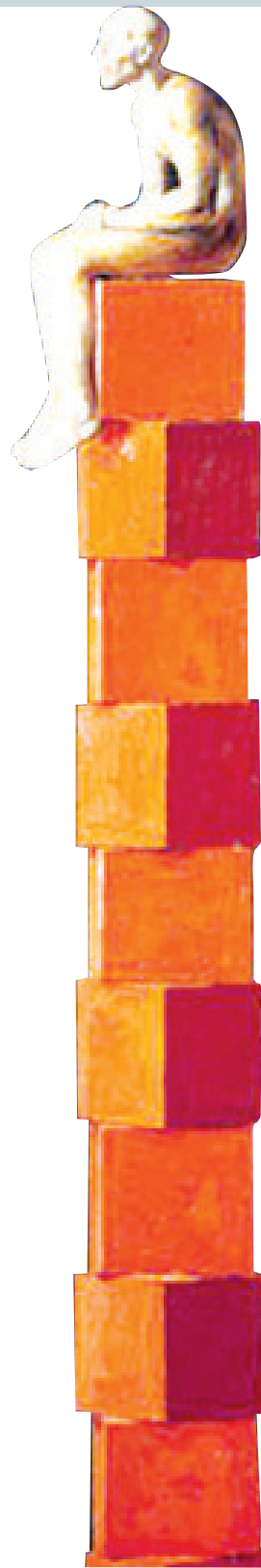
In the neighborhood known
as Partridge Hill, the woman
whom everyone knows as
Madame Brouette claims to have
killed her husband. And yet
everyone in the neighborhood is
full of praise for this young divor-
cée. The film traces the story of
Madame Brouette back in time to
understand what could have led
to such an act on her part.

Where: French Culture
Center, 18 Guangcai Interna-
tional Apartment, West Road of
Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang.

When: 6pm,
until November 22

Admission: 10-20 yuan

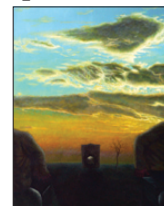
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Sunday, November 19

Exhibition

**Whispers of Reality
– Group Exhibition**



Where: Yan Club Arts Center,
Dashanzi Art district, No 4 Jiux-
ianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-6pm,
until December 4

Admission: Free

Tel: 8457 3506

Angel: Cui Xiuwen Solo Show



Where: Marella Gallery,
Dashanzi Art District, No 4 Jiux-
ianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm,
until November 30

Admission: Free

Tel: 6433 4055

The Road Map of Painting 2

Where: Beijing Tokyo Art
Projects, Dashanzi Art District,
No 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm,
until December 24

Admission: Free

Tel: 8457 3245

Movie

Souko

Some children share a passion
for the cinema and for horses.
They make a cardboard cinemato-
graph, and while they are showing
their film, a magical white horse
appears. From then on, dream and
reality become intermingled, then
in the town of Bobo-Dioulasso.

Where: French Culture
Center, 18 Guangcai Interna-
tional Apartment, West Road of
Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang

When: 8pm,
until November 22

Admission: 10-20 yuan

Tel: 6553 2627

Saturday, November 18

Exhibition

**Wang Fuchun Photography
Exhibition**



Where: 798 Photo Gallery,
No 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-6pm,
until December 8

Admission: Free

Tel: 6438 1784

Luo Jie Solo Exhibition

Where: Vanessa Art Link,
46B Caochangdi Art Center,
Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm,
until December 30

Admission: Free

Tel: 8456 7260, 8456 4273

Xue Jiye Solo Exhibition

Where: Art Scene Beijing,
Dashanzi Art District, No 2 Jiux-
ianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm,
until December 2

Admission: Free

Tel: 13611934634

A Journey to the East



Group exhibition featuring
artists from Italy, Turkey and
Japan.

Where: Beijing TS1 Contem-
porary Art Center, Liuhe Village,
Songzhuang, Tongzhou

When: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm,
until January 15, 2007

Admission: Free

Tel: 6959 4127,
13240806306

Movie

A Winter's Tale

Felicie is on holiday in Bri-
tanny, and in the thick of a hol-
iday romance with Charles. Due

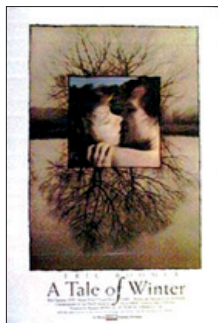
to a mix-up with addresses,
Felicie and Charles lose touch
with each other. However, Fel-
icie has fallen pregnant. Five
years later, Felicie is still work-
ing as a hairdresser in Paris
and bringing up her daughter
Elise. There are two men in
her life: Maxence and Loic but
Felicie is unable to commit to
either of them.

Where: Box Cafe, Xiwang-
zhuang Xiaoqu, Shuangqing Lu,
Haidian

When: 7:30pm

Admission: Free

Tel: 6279 1280



Stage in December

Music

**Lin Zhaoliang Violin
Solo Concert**

Who: Lin Zhaoliang
Where: Century Theater, 40
Liangmaqiao Road, Chaoyang

When: 7:30pm,
December 1

Admission: 80-680yuan

Li Yundi Piano Recital

Who: Li Yundi
Where: Century Theater, 40
Liangmaqiao Road, Chaoyang

When: 7:30pm, December 3

Admission: 100-1,280yuan

Cai Qin Vocal Concert

Who: Cai Qin, one of the
Taiwan Ivy Singers

Where: Great Hall of the
People, on the west side of
Tiananmen Square, Xicheng

When: 7:30pm,
December 16

Admission: 180-1,680yuan

Christmas Eve Concert

Who: Richard Clayderman
Where: Great Hall of the
People, on the west side of
Tiananmen Square, Xicheng

When: 7:30pm,
December 24

Admission: 180-2,880 yuan

The New Year's Concert

Who: China Philharmonic
Orchestra

Where: Poly Theatre, No
14 Dongzhimen South Street,
Chaoyang

When: 7:30pm,
December 31

Admission: 100-1,000yuan

Dance

Russian Royal Ballet

Who: Russian Royal Ballet,

originated from Moscow
Grand Theater, includes 40
dancers.

Where: Beijing Exhibition
Theater, No 135 Xizhimen Wai
Street, Xicheng

When: 7:30pm,
December 15-16

Admission: 80-800 yuan

Opera and Drama

Snow White

Who: Teatro del Carretto
Where: Beijing Oriental Pio-
neer Theater, No 8-2 Dongdan

Santiao, Dongcheng

When: 7:30pm,
December 1-3

Admission: 50-120 yuan

Thunderstorm (Lei Yu)

– Cao Yu Drama Series

Who: Beijing People's Art
Theatre

Where: Capital Theater, No
22 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng

When: 7:30pm,
November 9-13

Admission: 80-500 yuan

(By Qiu Jiaoning)